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become acquainted, in the absence of any such aid, with the birds of Oregon on first visiting the State a few years since.

The subject matter is arranged under seven chapter headings, with supplemental matter in the form of keys for identification, etc. Chapter V, 'How to name the Birds,' occupies about two thirds of the book, and contains brief 'general descriptions' of the species treated, consisting of a short summary of the external characters of each and a brief notice of its song and leading personal traits, followed by a more detailed or 'particular description' of its external appearance. The species are arranged in heterogeneous order, on the principle "mainly .... of interest and discovery rather than the one of artificial classification"; but some offset to this disorder is furnished by the list of the species at the end of the book, where they are enumerated in the order of the A. O. U. Check-List.

This 'First Book' will undoubtedly prove a great help to those for whom it has been especially prepared, and the issue of a second "corrected and enlarged edition" within three weeks of the publication of the first, indicates that it is meeting with a cordial welcome from the bird-loving portion of the public in the States to which it relates. — J. A. A.

Witherby's 'Bird Hunting on the White Nile.' [1] — Mr. Witherby's little book is an interesting narrative of his experiences during a collecting trip to the Soudan in 1900, including an account of the country and the people as well as of the birds and mammals. The chapter on 'Camping and Collecting,' as well as that entitled 'Birds,' is especially instructive and entertaining. At the end of the book a nominal list is given of the birds collected or observed, and another of the mammals. A more extended and formal report on the birds was published in 'The Ibis' for 1901 (pp. 237–278). The chapters composing the present work were published serially in the journal 'Knowledge' during 1901, but their interest well warrants their republication in a more convenient and permanent form.— J. A. A.

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Rev. George S. Mead, an Associate Member of the American Ornithologists' Union, died June 18, 1901, at Antigua, Guatemala, at the age of 52 years. Mr. Mead was born in Racine, Wisconsin, and received his education at Racine College, graduating in 1867. After leaving college